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C. EC BRUSSELS 516

1. ON JANUARY 30, PRIOR TO THE EC COUNCIL MEETING, THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES RESUMED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE POSITION THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE AT THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. THE PERM REPS WILL CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 31.

2. AT THE JANUARY 30 MEETING, THE PERM REPS HAD A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE (TEXT FORWARDED IN REF B). THURSDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN THE PERM REPS RETURN TO THE SUBJECT, THEY WILL COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION'S PAPER AND TURN TO A DISCUSSION OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, DISTRIBUTED TO THE PERM REPS BY THE FRENCH ON JANUARY 25, CONTAINING THE PROPOSALS OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT ON THIS SUBJECT (REF A). THE PERM REPS FEEL THEY MUST ADOPT SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL BY THE END OF THEIR JANUARY 31 MEETING IN ORDER THAT THE TEXT MAY BE CABLED BACK TO MEMBER STATE CAPITALS IN THE TIME FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS AT THEIR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4-5. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF STATE 19381 AT NOON JANUARY 30, THE MISSION GAVE THE GERMANS (CURRENTLY HOLDING THE EC COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP) THE US VIEWS WHICH THEY UNDERTOOK TO CIRCULATE PROMPTLY TO OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. OUR GERMAN PERM REP SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE INITIAL DISCUSSION JANUARY 30 CLEARLY REVEALED DIVISION AMONG THE PERM REPS, WITH EIGHT MEMBER STATES IN FAVOR OF A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE FRENCH TOOK THE LINE THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SHOULD ONLY DISCUSS PROCEDURES AND QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP AT SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WHICH WOULD ALSO INVOLVE LDC CONSUMERS AND OIL PRODUCERS. THE EIGHT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOLIDARITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND HOPE TO ACHIEVE CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG THE NINE IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, IF ONE OF THE NINE IS NOT PRESENT. IN THAT REGARD, WE UNDERSTAND THE FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED TO HIS PERM REP COLLEAGUES THE VIEW THAT JOBERT WAS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. GREENWALD

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